

Is Mike suffering from an inferiority complex?
Anyone who looks at ease with himself usually does not need to take centre stage for so long and confidently press their argument to the point of aggression. It must be difficult being a warner student.

undergrad in the company of such well-known & well published people - But this is not an excuse.

from feeling quite apprehensive (oops - I think one too many glasses of wine) about coming to Bodmin - about 'fitting in' - about perhaps ^{feelings of} intensity of intellect and so on, I feel quite comfortable with things. (and people).

I very much like the flexible approach of those with whom the buck stops and the admission of hierarchy ^{combined} (with a very non-hierarchical rigidity).

I'm hoping that the objectivity/subjectivity type discussion will not carry on - ~~I have certain~~ It's non-productive & divisive - the group appears at this early stage to be in two clear halves - 2 factions. I'm sure this will change with the arrival of new people.

or the two guys who kept silent in agreement with Mike
I'm not sure I would appreciate the discussions if they were to be more aggressive - I felt the need (almost) to escape!

The 'site' - well the part I experienced today was quite beautiful in a bleak way although ^{the} sunshine made it less severe. Felt v. protected once inside the rim of the hills - it was amazing to experience the very different aspects as we went down into the valley - exposure and visibility at the top - comfort and protection? in the valley
Sunshine all the way.

Now I hope I can sleep!

M. R. Wagnon

Diaries

① M. Wagnon - first week only

② C. Smith

12.35 am 2.6.96

Dave Hooley
Fylight Hardest Office

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11/6/96 9.40 pm

Today it rained - puddles in my wellies - streams - I thoroughly enjoyed the physical work - hammering away - getting wind blown and wet - coming home - drying out - warmed by the gas fire and Penny's whiskey & lemonade.

I also thoroughly enjoyed Penny's company at dinner - an amazing lady - she shouldn't feel inadequate because she doesn't have an archaeology degree.

I'm looking forward to using the diving rods! I'm hoping that I'll remember the names of the hills running backside.

It was rather sad today that ~~the~~ two factions appear to exist and I hope this does not continue although I feel it is inevitable. It really doesn't have to be like this. - last night's outburst and its trickle through into today will hopefully disappear

Some of the huts - the big stores at the rear - their layout (in some cases) - the views from them - is fascinating - equally some of them are not fascinating at all. (small wigwag)

The landscape either side of the river (forever?) valley and its contrast with other rocky hillsides is v. interesting

- the way into this settlement. The 'way in' is smooth, undulating & aesthetically pleasing - other features in the landscape do not have this appeal.

Chris suggested that I have a look at stores marked on the map - decide whether or not they are significant (here this is whether they are large/small - their shape and so on). I'm looking forward to this - I need to focus my mind and make decisions. I hope that when I begin doing this that the weather has improved considerably.

Doubted by the knowledge of some of the archaeologists but accept that all knowledge is valuable - including mine.

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3/4 online)

Had a brief look at Yates' work (PhD Thesis) on gender
look right - it might be useful for me to read Jung
- circles and ~~female~~ ^{feminine} symbols ?? Freud isn't useful for
my purposes. There are many examples of non accurate
colour human types with circular/circle cross torsos at B&N
If looking for the feminine this cd be v. useful ??
If looking for symbols of female sex - how does the
circle cross fit ?? How right this fit with Foucault? Read the
notes & writing re Foucault again this week - keep this tickin'
over.

luxury to have time to myself to think during the evening
- to talk & eat with other people and be myself (whenever myself
I feel like at the time). The 9.00 clock start suits me very
well.

Penny Kate & Steve - both are fine - Kate leaving this week's
spellings and times tables - also reading her books!

Steve will write.

Marylyn had a good start to her A-levels - a question on
Iago - demonic - hybrid & also Jumpers. It's a start she
needed.

- now I'll collect the laundry, have a pee & go to bed
M. R. Wagner
not quite 3 sheets to the wind.

Farmer? irate told us off for parking badly (across his gateway
- when he had calmed down he was more polite to us.

Had dinner with Penny in restaurant - Chris & Barbara were
tuned away as they arrived 3 mins later

4/6/96 11.50 pm

Had me over the eye so I'll write this in the morning. (I hope).

7/6/96 6.20 pm

Writing this on our day off - will continue 4/6/96.

Took Chris' dry clothes back to his caravan after their tumble
Dry - met up with Pippa/Andrew/Anna/Wayne/Gill & Matt
and then started off for the site. Amazed at how self confident
the younger people are - almost appears innate.
Chris got up late as he didn't get to bed until 4 am - chatting
to Sue about the mysteries of the Universe - when I knocked
he was still eating his cornflakes.

My wellies are still wet (well my left wellie is) - left it at
Chris & Sue's caravan to 'dry' out.

Weather much better today.

Took the long but pretty route to the site to show the new guys around
- Chris & Barbara gave an interesting talk and there were some
pointed and interesting comments made. I agreed that kitchens
were not purely functional - mine isn't anyway.

After lunch we went up to the south settlement and began to
measure/draw the stones and their positions - it was interesting
to note the major stones occurring on an east-west axis -
back stone slightly off centre to the north^{west}, and the entrance to the
south^{east}. Looking out of the entrance the stone row & black stone
were visible to left - stone circle at the centre.

I thoroughly enjoyed connecting up points in the landscape
- I think the east west axis is v. important and its importance
is reflected in the placing of large or ~~small~~ triangular stones on this
axis in the houses. It appears important that the house Matt, Ann

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& I excavated today had space around its exterior wall to the left of the entrance ^{around} which one could walk until reaching 3 large whale shaped stepping stones.

Chris & Barbara came to see the houses which both groups had ~~are~~ surveyed and were impressed (I think).

Wayne appears both competent at 'Art' or Drawing and is a confident spokesperson. Good presentation skills are vital - a can make a lot of a little.

Walking back home Chris pointed out the ⁹ ~~th~~ ^{sp?} store in the back back home - explained that the position of the sun in prehistory was different (matter of degrees) - needs to be checked in in to see if the sun's rays poured directly through the gap in this ~~sp~~ construction.

Crystal arrived today - we all had dinner in the restaurant - Barbara asked her lots

Barbara/Chris/Penni/Myself

of questions! All were merry & laughed a great deal.

After saying goodnight to Crystal, Chris, Barbara, Penni & I went back to chez Penni's for Sloe Gin & proceeded to get even merrier - Sue came over plus accounts. I was amazed at how little ^{the} finding is - people are paying out of their 'own p' - amazing - I fear this will not improve and is a pointer for the future.

Too much booze hence not being able to write this diary ~~tonight~~ ^{on the 4th}.
Helen & I appear (from my perspective) to be getting along v. well - she is an interesting character.

5.6.96.

Finished off the work on hut 30? 31?? this morning with Anna as Andy had gone to work on the ^{stone now} terminal excavation - long walk up to Leskenich today - everyone crashed out at the 'rest' for recuperation - period !!

Penni came to work with Anna & I on a new hut the number of which escapes me. I was initiated into the practice of drawing stones on a plan of sets - I feel I was absolutely awful at this (obviously never meant to be a site planner) - poor Penni needed to have the patience of the proverbial saint!

Did the elevation too - I'm not going to give into this - Elevation - much easier.

Meeting called by Sue et al re Mike's problems with the way in which we are recording - or equally not recording the levels in the huts and its potential distortion of what is/was an irregular stone. This position - defended by Sue - Barbara & Chris with assistance from Wayne defended their position.

I am beginning to feel pissed off with this. Where does it lead? I am convinced Mike's inability to express himself in the way he would like? to is causing half the problem.

We are noting that what appears to be a 'big' stone, - back stone or otherwise is located on a slope etc etc etc.

Although the v. obvious differences in 'methodology' are basic to the argument, there must be a position of compromise.

We have pre set questions to answer - and in the fixed methodology of the archaeologist they to have fixed questions to answer.

We set out our methodologies and our categories - but these are all artificial, arbitrary. The scientist ^{in Mike's apparently} appears to refuse to see this. Sue is in an awful position - she has to swim with both tides - have feet on both sides of the fence. Even though I'm ^{all} for ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~denote~~ ^{denote} and flexibility I'm almost

crying out for someone to make a decision & tell me what to do - not because I am shirking responsibility of taking a decision but because the goal posts might be shifted and then decisions that I have made will be invalidated. Another reason is that it is becoming obvious to me, and I discussed this later with Helen, that decisions, although arrived at 'democratically' are very influenced by whoever is the 'dominant' character in the group. This is not to say that the 'dominant' personality is exercising authority or even forceful but that people with less confidence or who are less articulate are in a less influential position.

After lunch ~~was~~ finished off the hut that we had started in the morning and then moved to another which we completed. Penni/Anna/myself moved quickly through and finished before the truck home.

During the morning I took my socks ^{off} as I had blistered heels & could not walk with my boots on (my left wellie is still wet so ~~the~~ I wore my walking boots which appear to be a bit tight - but I forgot the sun cream & so got sunburnt feet - v. sore. Penny came to the rescue with some v. soothing lotion. Walked back to the car in my socks, chatted to Wayne & Gill - v. friendly people.

Stayed at the tent chatting to Helen - we made some food, drank some wine - had long conversation and a lot of laughs. Discussed our visit & I fake eyeballed!! She is quite mature for her years. She comes from a v. interesting family background - unorthodox in many respects - this often appears to produce bright well motivated children. We discussed her father being an ex-CP member and his work with the trade unions - similar in some ways to Steve. Had drinks with other 'group' members at the bar c. 10pm. Ray, Steve & Kate - both fine - Kate got 1 1/2 for her

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Spellings so Steve needs to work harder next week!
He seems to be coping v. well. They are writing letters to me.

6.6.96.

Stopped at supermarket for sweets before going up to site
- helped with shopping - walked to site along shorter route
which felt much better on the legs.

Chatted with Crystal & Chris on the way up - interesting to
see Chris as a colleague rather than ^{our} usual supervisor/
PhD student relationship - it feels good to become friends.
Worked with Wayne & Gill at hut surveying - Wayne at
the driving seat & in control! Found a large interestingly
shaped piece of quartz which had obviously been carried up
from somewhere else. Chris v. pleased at this.

More evidence of large or prominent stones on e/w axis
- this is a large hut with back stone (recumbent), important
stones on e/w axis, area outside entrance ~~into~~ marked out with
stones which may have been a place for some activity
- entrance facing due south with interesting orthostats.

Felt like I wanted to be alone at lunchtime so hung back
from the others - Sue came to chat to me - perhaps she thought
I felt 'left out' ?? She is a very easy person to talk to.
I asked Helen to talk me through the Day's activity on the
stone row terminal excavation - then Helen asked for a
volunteer to work on the excavation - Wayne promptly
suggested me! I told him I was v. capable of offering
my services myself! I did offer to do so although I
wanted to work with Chris on his door/frame expedition
but I negotiated with him to do this at a later date. Three
people from the Cornwall archaeology unit arrived and chatted
with Chris & Sue. Wayne told them about the quarry at Layte
He certainly likes to talk! Likes to make himself prominent.

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Worked on stone row terminal excavation with Helen, Pippa, Andy and Matt - clearing up upper right hand side of excavation. I had not used a trowel since 1984 at Gubbio so it was strange and bloody hard work. Helen & Pippa are v. shrew but are also somewhere in the region of 20 years younger than me! So I don't feel too badly about ~~this~~ not scraping at the earth quite as quickly or efficiently as ^{you do} them!

We all sang songs and made fun of each other - they were a great bunch of people to work with. Helen was apologizing for her existence and I said to her that she was almost as paranoid as me - She said she was paranoid too!

Pippa is an extremely self assured young woman (also extremely helpful & kind/generous). She applied cream & cucumbers to my sunburn & blistered hand & bandaged it for me. Andy said that he was to leave for home this evening which is sad as he is a very happy go lucky member of the team. A really nice bloke. Found working on excavation exhausting in the heat and am feeling uncomfortable with my sunburn but I am not complaining!

Helen's ~~plump~~ bumpers are v. comfortable - slightly too big but comfy.

Had dinner with Penni & Crystal at restaurant - really enjoyed myself - I hope that they did too. I felt slightly embarrassed when they asked me about the class of degree I got in my first degree. Went back to Crystal's caravan - had some red wine and stayed over. Lovely to sleep in the caravan and toast myself by the gas fire. Had interesting conversation with Crystal re her ^{art history} course at UCL. She is to take Chris' course in Theory & Material Culture next term and I promised to help her with notes and so on when we go back to London in 2/3 weeks time. She ~~talked~~ talked to me about one of her history of Art essays - a rearrangement of an art room in the Tate Gallery - she did so and took into the room articles of books, desks, papers

and so on which were contemporary with the paintings and placed the 'art' in the social & context of its production.

This she said was 'her' - she felt strongly about this essay. I was very impressed. She is far too self deprecating.

7.6.96

Day off today! Had a very lazy start to the day. Stayed over at Crystal's caravan - had breakfast - went back to tent to clean up a bit and met up with Pippa who visited me for some yogi tea! Matt still asleep and Andy ~~gone~~ had already left for home. Had interesting conversation with Pippa about the network of people that she works with - 'tree' people etc - also talked about the food we eat, chemicals, Chernobyl, poverty, education and so on. Pippa gave me lotion and oil for my burnt and blistered hand - (I'm amazed at her self assurance) - she also recommended her rucksack to me (Steve has offered to buy me one for Sweden).

Left for Boscastle with Pemi & Crystal at around 12.45 pm.

Wandered around after a pub lunch - bought a Celtic Design colouring book for Kate (one of her birthday presents).

Drove to Tinkari and bumped into Anna, Pippa, Matt & Ash!

Bought 'medieval' pressies for Kate. Had cream tea with Pemi & Crystal - incredibly filling - I didn't really have room for dinner, so Crystal and I spent the evening writing our diaries and eating Cheese, tuna & biscuits!

Woke up about 4.30 am - someone/something knocking? on the caravan window - saw a person's head close up to the window - dark matted hair speckled with sand/dust/hay?

Whoever it was didn't move - I lay in bed for a further minute or so and then slid out from the bed and out of the room into Crystal's room - I was shaking - I asked Crystal not to move the curtains in case whoever was outside saw that there were 2 women in the caravan - we began to close all of the windows

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after a few minutes had passed - we eventually calmed down enough to go back to bed but heard footsteps and knocking so got up to make tea - I fell asleep after 6.15 am and Crystal went back to her bed. I dreamt I told people the next day - I told Penie & the others about this strange head at my window, and that no one believed me.

I woke up at c 8.00 am - told Chris who suggested that we had more sleep & to come up onto site late. We (Crystal & I) woke up at 10.00 am - left at 11.00 am after breakfast - went up onto heddenick - en route I stepped onto what appeared to be solid ground when in fact it was bog! My right leg sunk into the water & Crystal helped me out - pulling my arms!

Crystal & I had a really great time wandering around the south settlement boundary walls & field enclosures choosing stones which we thought were significant - marking up entrance - upright stones - grounders. The weather was beautiful today - Chris & Barbara checked out our decisions re field grounders and significant stones in the field enclosures while we were walking with Barbara & Chris, Sue came up the hill to ask for a volunteer to pick up Jo - Crystal's car was blocking the two other team cars at Westmoorgate so she volunteered to pick up Jo and I went along to map read. It was a pleasant drive to Bodmin Parkway - Jo was waiting for us. We stopped at Canelford on our way home. Met up with Chris, Barbara and Penie for dinner - Chris's wife came too (plus Kevin). Kevin & Chris came back to Crystal's caravan for drinks - had a long & interesting conversation with Chris re Academe, his childhood - his reaction to authority and excessive masculinity - Kevin went to their caravan at 11.30 pm - Chris left at 1.30.